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DECATUR HERALD.

THE INDICATIONS.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Illinois—Fair, warmer Friday. Saturday rain or snow; southeast winds, increasing Friday night.

TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1904.

NO. 16

WAR OR PEACE? CRISIS AT HAND

EVENTS OF THURSDAY SHOW
THAT THE TIME TO FIGHT
HAS COME.

THE RUSSIAN ANSWER MADE

Cas Has Sent Troops to Seoul and Is
Becoming More Aggressive—News
Is Alarming.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—The Russian
note sent to Tokyo tonight.

Left to Alexieff.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—The Russian
note sent to Tokyo tonight.

Boost Insurance Rates.
London, Feb. 4.—Ominous rumors
of a continuance of hostilities in
the Far East have caused insurance
rates to be raised today from
10 to 15 per cent.

No Confirmation in London.
London, Feb. 4.—No confirmation
of rumors which reports have been
made at the Japanese legation to-
day of a new decision on the part
of the Japanese government to
begin hostilities.

Russia Chartering Steamers.
London, Feb. 4.—A telegram from
Russia declares that eighteen
steamers have been chartered by Rus-
sia to convey war material to the Far
East.

Possibly Only Short Cruise.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—Nothing is
officially reported regarding the re-
turn of the Russian fleet from the
Far East, but it is reported that
the fleet will only make a short cruise.

Russian Fleet Returns.
Port Arthur, Feb. 4.—The Russian
fleet which put to sea early yesterday
morning returned here this afternoon.
It is reported that the fleet
will only make a short cruise.

CRISIS MAY COME TODAY.
Diplomats Believe Next Twenty-Four
Hours Will Decide War or Peace.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—War or peace
will be decided tomorrow. This is
the general opinion in the diplomatic
circles here.

Both at the Russian embassy
and at the Japanese legation the situa-
tion is described as grave.

It is stated at the Russian embassy
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THE REPUBLICAN EDITORS

Meet in National Convention at Wash-
ington—Address by President
Sleicher.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO ROOSEVELT.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The convention
of the National Republican Editorial
association began here tonight. John
A. Sleicher of New York, president of
the association, delivered the opening
address. He spoke of the high place
occupied by the newspapers of today
and their influence upon the educa-
tion of people. "The public school
opens the door, the newspaper and the
magazine keep it open," he said. "We
read more than any other nation,
therefore we move faster and accom-
plish more."

Closing Mr. Sleicher said, "In the
clear light of history every patriotic
citizen should sincerely rejoice that
we have had presidents with wisdom
to look ahead and with courage to go
ahead, farther and faster than the
people. To these presidents minds are
we indebted for the Louisiana pur-
chase, the acquisition of Alaska, the
flag in the far east and its retention
there. And to our stalwart, honest,
courageous, typical young American
president, Theodore Roosevelt, we will
be indebted during the next four
years. I sincerely believe, for the con-
struction of the Panama canal, for
much needed and long sought protec-
tion for American shipping, for a
sounder and advantageous reciprocity,
a sounder system of finance and the
maintenance of our national honor,
wherever or by whomsoever it may
be assailed."

Addresses also were delivered by
ex-Governor Black of New York and
Senator Chauncey M. Depew.

Stove Exploded.
Guthrie, Ill., Completely
Wrecked by an Unusual
Accident.

AND THE OWNER FATALITY HURT

Guthrie, Ill., Feb. 4.—Special to The
Herald—What was considered the
most remarkable accident that ever
occurred in this vicinity, was that
which destroyed the home of C. G.
Brotherton and dangerously, if not fat-
ally, injured Mr. Brotherton. He is a
well known retired farmer of this
place and met with the misfortune
while preparing breakfast this morn-
ing.

His wife is deceased and he was
looking after the morning meal him-
self. The kitchen range is supplied
with hot water pipes which feed into
a reservoir, exploded the pipes, wreck-
ed the stove and even the house. The
structure was damaged in a remark-
able manner and heavy blows were
broken in two by the tremendous force
exerted. The damage to the structure
will be several hundred dollars.

Mr. Brotherton was seriously injured
about the face and head and is badly
bruised all over. Owing to his age, the
outcome may be fatal. The attending
surgeons could not positively predict
the sequence to the accident. The
noise of the explosion was heard for
a long distance and the neighbors run-
ning in, found Mr. Brotherton covered
with the debris and groaning with
pain.

EXPRESS ROBBERY

Bag of Gold Containing \$5000 Lifted
from Adams Express Car at
Sterling, Ill.

NO CLEW TO THE THIEF.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—A bag of gold, said
to contain \$4000 or \$5000 was stolen
last night from the Adams Express
car on the Burlington road at Sterling,
Ill. Express Agent Harmon had taken
the bag from the safe with other
packages that were to be delivered to
the Sterling agent. While he was en-
gaged in this work, somebody entered
the car, and made off with the bag of
gold. There is no clew.

REFEREE IS NAMED

For Omaha Insurance Company, But
Business Goes On.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 4.—The supreme
court has appointed Robert Ryan of
Lincoln, as referee for the Bankers
Union of the World, of Omaha. He
will investigate the affairs of the or-
ganization and report to the court. Mr.
Ryan, E. C. Spilney, president of
the organization, and the sheriff at
Omaha, will jointly have charge and
the business is to be continued by
them until the referee reports. Presi-
dent Spilney is required to give bond
for \$15,000.00. The attorney general
recently began a suit against the or-
der on complaint of the state insurance
department.

CAPT. J. F. MERRY WEDS.

Well Known Illinois Central Agent
Claims School Teacher as Bride.

Bellevue, Wis., Feb. 4.—Captain J. F.
Merry, assistant general passenger agent
of the Illinois Central with head-
quarters at Dubuque, Ill., was mar-
ried to Miss Katherine Schimmin
of this city, the ceremony taking place
at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs.
F. C. Stevens. Immediately after the
ceremony the couple left in the groom's
private car for a trip to New Orleans,
Florida resorts and the Bahamas Is-
lands. They will make their home at
Manchester, Iowa. Miss Schimmin was
a teacher in the Manchester schools.

W. B. RUCKER MURDERED.

Telegraph Operator Shot Dead and
Office Robbed.

Danville, Ky., Feb. 4.—W. B. Rucker,
night telegraph operator, was shot
dead tonight at his key by an unknown
person, who robbed the cash drawer of
a small amount.

STAMPEDED BY WAR RUMOR

WORST BREAK IN HISTORY OF
COTTON SPECULATION AT
NEW ORLEANS.

MEN WENT NEARLY MAD

In Their Frantic Efforts to Unload
While Thousands of Dollars Were
Lost in the Deals.

New Orleans, Feb. 4.—About the
worst break in the history of cotton
future trading in New Orleans occurred
today, when on vague war rumors the
prices were sent down until they were
from 150 to 180 points lower than the
close of yesterday and May was \$3
a bale cheaper. At noon the market
was quiet with prices tending upward.
Soon after the noon hour a message
from Chicago said cables had been
received there telling of a declaration
of war between Japan and Russia.

The values commenced to slide swiftly
downward and in five minutes the
ring was in a panic. Traders and specu-
lators who a few minutes before appeared
to be the sanest and calmest of men
suddenly became crazy in their efforts
to sell either their own or their cus-
tomers' cotton. The general desire was
to sell at any price. The combination
pit and ring at the cotton exchange
was an amphitheater of struggling,
wailing humanity, with an anxiety
their faces appeared to be all the
greater because they were not exactly
aware of what they were afraid of.

Brokers labored wildly excited in their
attempts to dispose of their cotton.
Hundreds of thousands of bales of
cotton were thrown into the ring and
lower prices were the more frantic the
ring became. The space in the center
of the ring became filled with stools
and chairs, kicked there by brokers in
their mad efforts to get nearer the
center of the pit so that they might
stand a better chance of selling their
contracts.

This mad scene lasted until well on
towards the close of the market when
the ring finally had a sold out appear-
ance.

Spreaders of false alarms were
heartily condemned after the market
closed and it was found the war rum-
ors were entirely unconfirmed. Hun-
dreds of thousands of dollars are re-
ported to have been lost today.

FULLER AGAIN

Nominated for Congress in the Twelfth
District—Roosevelt is Heartily
Endorsed.

PROHIS ISSUE NATIONAL CALL.

Ottawa, Ill., Feb. 4.—The republican
congressional convention of the
Twelfth district today renominated
Congressman Charles E. Fuller, of
Boone county, by acclamation. Resolu-
tions were adopted endorsing the
administration of President Roosevelt
and his Panama policy and the dele-
gates to the national convention were
instructed for him.

Former Congressman Walter Reeves
of La Salle, and Isaac Elwood of De-
Kalb, were selected as the delegates to
the national convention.

PROHIS CALLED.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—The official call
was issued today for the prohibition
national convention to be held at In-
dianapolis June 29. The call includes
the apportionment of delegates among
the states. Illinois is entitled to 92,
Iowa, 52, Michigan, 63, Minnesota, 47,
South Dakota, 12; Wisconsin 55.

MORE PANAMA LETTERS

Sent To the Senate By President
Roosevelt But Are Held In Ab-
solute Secrecy.

FOR PERUSAL OF SENATORS.

Washington, Feb. 4.—President
Roosevelt today sent to the senate ad-
ditional correspondence relating to
Panama, in response to Mr. Culberson's
resolution. The correspondence was
marked "executive" and was consid-
ered absolutely confidential. It was
not ordered printed and was not re-
ferred to the committee on foreign
relations, remaining in possession of
the senate. This secrecy was carried
so far that the president's message
was not read or entered on the jour-
nal of the senate. President Roose-
velt said in the message that no cor-
respondence called for in the resolu-
tion had been withheld from the sen-
ate. It is stated that the correspond-
ence does not contain anything new
relating to Panama or the revolution,
but comprises matters pertaining to
other governments which are of such
character that they can not be made
public. The documents can be ex-
amined by such senators as care to
peruse them and when the canal treaty
is before the senate in executive ses-
sion it is probable that portions of
these documents will be read in the
senate.

COLOMBIANS TALK WAR

And Continue To Threaten Attack On
Panama.

Colon, Feb. 4.—The Royal Mail
steamer Trent, arrived here today from
Savannah and Cartagena and brings
reports to the effect that there is still
much war talk at both places, and it
is asserted Colombia will attack Pan-
ama soon. The Trent left the United
States gunboat Nashville at Cartagena
yesterday and passed the anchorage
prisoner Yankee outside Cartagena.

LORENZ TELLS HIS STORY

Claims Money Transactions With
Machen Related to a Private In-
debtedness of Long Standing.

GAVE HALF FASTENER PROFITS

Washington, Feb. 4.—George E. Lor-
enz was on witness stand in the postal
trial most of today. He produced a
number of drafts, checks and sight
drafts, which passed between Machen
and himself and declared they were
all in payment of his note for \$25,000
which he gave Machen when the lat-
ter, in 1893, assigned his interest in
the oil property. He gave a detailed
statement of the value of these prop-
erties and of the indebtedness of the
company to the Ketcham National
Bank of Toledo. He also produced an
original entry book covering a running
account between himself and Machen
and pointed out various credits made
there on account of the note. The set-
tlements with Machen, he said, were
made annually, the note finally being
cancelled as paid on December 15,
1903. All the money transactions he
had with Machen and himself, re-
ferred to by the government, related
solely to this indebtedness to Machen.
When the money commenced to come
from D. B. Groff, in 1895, Mr. Lorenz
said that he determined to turn over
to Machen one-half of his profits in
the fastener. This he did, he testified,
until he became pressed for money
and then he sent Machen only what he
could spare and when he became bas-
sily finally Machen again got his remit-
tances as on previous occasions.

DEWEY'S SAY

Had More Influence With House
Committee on Naval Affairs Than
Secretary Moody and Board.

AUTHORIZE HEAVIER SHIPS.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Admiral
Dewey's suggestions in favor of heavy
fighting ships for the navy prevailed
today with the house committee on
naval affairs over the recommendation
of the general board, submitted by
Secretary Moody. The naval appropri-
ation bill was completed by the com-
mittee after the hearing granted Dewey.
It carries an appropriation of \$95,
000,000. The ships authorized are one
battleship, two armored cruisers, three
scout cruisers and two squadron col-
liers.

The recommendation of the general
board was for one battleship, one ar-
mored cruiser, three protected cruisers,
four scout cruisers and two colliers.
The committee eliminated the three
protected cruisers and four scout
cruisers, and two colliers. The com-
mittee eliminated the three protected
and one scout cruiser, recommended
by the board and added one armored
cruiser.

Provision was made for an armor
plate factory to cost \$4,000,000 which
the secretary of the navy is authorized
to construct in case he cannot secure
armor from private bidders at a reason-
able price.

An additional 3000 men are author-
ized to be added to the personnel of
the navy.

MILLIONS FOR AGRICULTURE

House Committee Authorizes Bill Car-
rying Nearly Six Millions and
Presents Other Figures.

TO SHOW U. S. LEADS THEM ALL.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The agricul-
tural appropriation bills reported to
the house today, carried a total of
\$5,711,240, an increase of \$238,000 over
the current law. Only two salaries
are raised by the bill and these only
temporarily, being \$500 each to the
chiefs of the bureau of animal indus-
try and entomology. Chairman Wad-
sworth says in the report:

"It has been asserted by some that
the United States is not spending
enough towards the promotion of agri-
culture. Having this in mind, your
committee has requested the census
bureau to furnish its statistics showing
the amounts spent by the several
states and territories for this purpose,
and as near as can be ascertained by
that bureau, the aggregate yearly ex-
penditures by the states and territories
is something over four and one-half
millions. Added to the six and a
quarter millions spent annually by the
United States for the cause this
makes a total of ten and three quarters
millions spent annually for the pro-
motion of agriculture."

"Certainly this is a most liberal
figure and much more than is being
expended by any other government in
the world for the same purpose."

SUIT GROWING OUT OF PARSIFAL

Herr Conrad of Munich Fined for At-
tack on Conrad.

Munich, Bavaria, Feb. 4.—The suit
of Director Heinrich Conrad of New
York against Herr Conrad, a Munich
actor, who alleged attack on the dis-
cussor for producing "Parsifal" resulted
in Conrad being fined \$40 or 20 days
imprisonment, and an amount neces-
sary for the extensive publication of
the court's finding, also all the court
costs and lawyer's fees.

SUCCEEDS BROWN

Judge Gest Appointed to Appellate
Bench in Third District.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 4.—Special to
the Herald—The supreme court today
appointed Judge W. H. Gest of Rock
Island to the appellate bench of the
third district, to fill the vacancy
caused by the resignation of Judge
George W. Brown of Wheaton. Gest
was formerly a member of congress.

COLORADO LAND FOR SETTLEMENT

Denver, Feb. 4.—More than 100,000
acres in Routt and Grand counties
were thrown open for settlement today
by the state land board. Bidding was
received from several parties.

ALMOST FREE YET A CONVICT

MRS. MAYBRICK'S WHEREABOUTS
DEFINITELY LOCATED IN
SISTERHOOD HOME.

RELEASE DUE TO EFFORTS

Of Duchess of Bedford, Who Prevailed
On Home Office To Take An Un-
precedented Step.

London, Feb. 4.—The Associated
Press can announce with authority
that Mrs. Florence Maybrick is now
in a home in a distant part of Eng-
land and under the care of members
of a religious sisterhood. She has
not been released, but she is kept under
surveillance, but to all intents and
purposes her life now, compared to
her existence in Aylesbury prison is
that of a free woman. She will re-
main where she is until next July, when
her punishment will be ended under
a special license, and she will be al-
lowed to go free subject to the usual
conditions governing ticket of leave
convicts.

Unprecedented Action.
The transfer of Mrs. Maybrick from
the penal prison to a quiet country
home constitutes an almost unprece-
dented action on the part of the au-
thorities. It was due to the media-
tion of Adeline Maria, Duchess of Bed-
ford, who as a visitor to Aylesbury
prison for many years, has taken a
keen personal interest in Mrs. May-
brick and finally succeeded in obtain-
ing a mitigation of her punishment to
the extent of being allowed to spend
the last six months of her confinement
outside the prison walls. The home
office several months ago agreed to
meet the request of the duchess al-
though it imposed a pledge of secrecy.
Therefore, in order to permit her hair
to grow out again, and for the recupera-
tion of her health, Mrs. Maybrick was
quietly transferred to the private in-
stitution, where although she is still
actually a convict under life sentence
she lives in a freedom that belies her
real status.

The mystery with which this change
in Mrs. Maybrick's situation was ef-
fected, excited the keenest interest
here and gave rise to numerous specu-
lations that she had been released. These,
as previously stated in these despatch-
es, are utterly without foundation. Her
exact whereabouts is guarded with ex-
traordinary secrecy, chiefly for the
purpose of preventing criticism of the
government for having taken the fore-
going exceptional steps in her case.

HANNA'S BLOOD

Will Be Examined By Physicians But
They Say Its Precautionary
Measure.

PATIENT BETTER LAST NIGHT.

Washington, Feb. 4.—In view of the
suggestion made in the press to the
effect that Mrs. Maybrick, when re-
leased from prison, will not be per-
mitted to land in the United States on
the ground that she had been a conv-
ict, it is learned that the issue will
be avoided by a simple device of
taking out a passport from the United
States embassy in London. While
the doctrine is not absolutely settled,
the state department practice has been
to admit the right of an American
woman who has married an alien to re-
gain her citizenship in America on the
death of her husband by the mere as-
sertion of her desire to do so. Mrs.
Maybrick therefore may come into the
United States as an American citizen
and as such would not be subject to
the operation of exclusion laws, which
apply only to foreigners.

THE REORGANIZATION PLAN

Of the Defunct Ship Building Com-
pany is Submitted and Approved
By All Concerned.

THE LITIGATION WILL END.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—It was announced
today that a plan for the reorganiza-
tion of the United States shipbuilding
company, satisfactory both to the
bondholders, represented by Samuel
Untermeyer, and to the Schweb-Skel-
don controlling interests, had been
reached, and that, in consequence, all
litigation will come to an end. The
plan provides for a new company cap-
italized at \$30,000,000, half preferred,
half common. Schweb as owner of the
Bethlehem bonds, to get nine million
of the preferred and six millions com-
mon and the mortgage bondholders to
get the remainder, pro rata. Schweb
gives up his prior lien on Bethlehem,
and all present stock is wiped out.

In the official announcement occurs
this statement:
"No provision is made for the old,
preferred and common stock, which,
as is now apparent to all, has no pos-
sible value."

Former Secretary of War Root is
counsel for the syndicate managers.

WANTS DIVORCE.

Cyrus D. Simpson Brings Suit
Against His Wife.

Taylorville, Feb. 4.—Special to The
Herald—Cyrus D. Simpson of Taylor-
ville, has commenced proceedings in
the circuit court for a divorce from his
wife, Mrs. Mollie Deitz-Simpson,
charging desertion. The couple were
married at Palmer, Jan. 29, 1882, and
lived together until Dec. 19, 1901. Mrs.
Simpson is now making her home in
Kentucky.

PROF. ARTHUR PALMER.

Noted Chemist At U. of I. Died
Thursday.

Urbana, Ill., Feb. 4.—Special to the
Herald—Professor Arthur W. Palmer,
of the University of Illinois, who had a
national reputation as a chemist, is
dead.

SHOT HIMSELF.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Feb. 4.—Winfield
A. Welliver, of the real estate firm
of Sexton & Welliver, shot and killed
himself today.

A MINER FATALLY INJURED

Max Hensog Victim Of Second Acci-
dent Within a Week At The Lin-
coln Coal Shaft.

HON. JOHN T. FOSTER DEAD.

Lincoln, Ill., Feb. 4.—Special to the
Herald—Max Hensog, a miner in the
north shaft, received severe injuries
Thursday from a fall of slate, while
at work in the mine. The accident
happened about 11 o'clock and the am-
bulance was at once summoned to con-
vey the wounded man to the hospital.

An examination of the wounds in-
dicate that they are extremely dan-
gerous and the recovery of Mr. Hen-
sog is a matter of grave doubt.

It was found that there were sev-
eral cuts on the face of the patient,
his back was severely injured, to what
extent is not at present known; the
hip bone broken and the thigh frac-
tured.

At a late hour this evening he had
not regained consciousness. This is
the second serious mine accident with-
in a week.

LEFT TO CUBANS

Last of the American Troops in the
Island Board Transport to Sail
for Home.

PALMA EXPRESSES GRATITUDE.

Havana, Feb. 4.—The last vestige of
American occupation of Cuba disap-
peared this afternoon when the Amer-
ican flag was lowered from the Ca-
bana barracks and the last battalion
of American soldiers boarded the
United States army transport Sumner.

Standing on the pier near Habana
were the Cuban troops, a line of Ameri-
can and a line of Cuban troops and
surrounded by his cabinet, United States
Senators and members of the legation
staff and a crowd of Americans and
Cubans, President Palma feelingly
voiced his appreciation of all that the
Americans have done for Cuba.

It is rumored here that Santa Bar-
bara de Samana and Sanchez have
been captured by the government
forces. The United States cruiser, Col-
umbia, at the request of the German
consul at Santa Barbara de Samana,
landed marines at a point on the
beach outside the town to protect
German interests.

IN SAN DOMINGO

Rebels and Government Troops Have
All Night Battle in Streets of
Pajarito.

U. S. MARINES ARE LANDED.

San Domingo, Friday, 29.—Troops
under the command of Rebel General
Rouquié arrived at Pajarito last
night from San Pedro de Macoris.
Fighting at once commenced and last-
ed during the night and continued to-
day. A general attack is expected at
any moment.

The town of San Carlos, which had
been captured by insurgents, was set
afire today.

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M'KINLEY AIDS HOSPITAL.

Makes Donation Of \$10,000 For Chem-
ical Institution.

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County Central Committee.
There will be a meeting of the republican county central committee next Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the city council rooms. In the court house for the purpose of arranging a date for the holding of the county primary and convention.
W. H. BLACK, Chairman.
J. S. Baldwin, Secretary.

He saw his shadow and so far has "made good" surely.

Senator Hanna has been seriously ill in Washington, but is now believed to be well on the way to recovery.

Judge Brown is evidently a man of discernment. He did not care to mix in the present mess for governor.

People ought not to be too severe on the ground hog. He knows as much about it as any other weather prophet.

The mean temperature for January was 4.7 below normal. One consolation for February is that she can't do anything meaner than that.

The Bloomington street car strike has reached the dynamite stage. A car was blown up last Sunday and a young lady badly hurt.

It is pretty cool weather to have a warm time at the Moultrie county republican primaries this week. Still politics knows no weather laws.

The democratic meeting held in Chicago yesterday made the republican carnival feast look like a meeting of a national peace congress. Hearst or anti-Hearst was the issue.

Some one has taken the trouble to deny what every school boy knows and that is that the United States would keep its hands off of the Japanese war, should it come.

The news is sent out from Springfield that Sherman will now make an aggressive campaign. Prey, what kind of a campaign has the former speaker been conducting if not aggressive?

There is one consolation in the race for governor. Judge Brown says that he is not a candidate. He did not resign from the bench to enter politics, but to practice law. This is some advantage.

One of the compensations of the Iroquois theater fire is the weeding out permanently of some of the moral pest houses of that wicked city. Of course others will spring up to fill their places but a short respite is some relief.

The city council exercised a very proper discretion in refusing to grant another saloon license for Merchant street. There is little danger of any one going thirsty in that block. The number of saloons there already is ample.

There is a movement in congress and administration circles to apply a money plaster to Colombia's sore spot over Panama. If this is done another campaign issue will be closed. America owes the South American republic nothing, but may conclude to be generous and end further friction.

The Charleston Flindellier says that Coles county is divided between Hamlin and Warner as first choice for governor. Then it adds that "As a matter of fact, with the Nineteenth district candidates out of the way, 95 per cent. of the republicans of this county will without a doubt line up for Frank O. Lowden."

The southern Confederacy was formed at Montgomery, Ala., 42 years ago today. Most men and women in active life only know of the great war as history or reminiscence. The south scarcely foresaw the great blessing that would come to that section in the eradication of slavery. They hoped to perpetuate it by heroic measures but this proved the speediest way of doing what they did not want done. The new south in its great industrial development is glad to be rid of slavery.

Candidates for state treasurer are much embarrassed by the situation. If a Chicago man is nominated for governor a candidate from outside must be chosen for treasurer. In that case Senator Len Small of Kankakee is a formidable candidate. Mr. Knapp of Olney is also a candidate. There are doubtless others to be heard from. In case a country man is named for governor Chicago will claim the treasurer and probably will get it. It keeps the aspirants for treasurer dodging to know what to do.

The death of William C. Whitney at the age of 64 recalls to public mind a man who impressed the country with being of unusual force. He was secretary of the navy under Cleveland and much of the inspiration for the new navy came from Mr. Whitney. He has been regarded as presidential timber for some years. He broke with

his party over the Bryan lunacy of course and has been little in public thought for the past eight years. He was a thrifty, progressive American. His death comes as a shock as he was not known to be in a dangerous condition of health.

MUCH SILLY TALK.
There is a good deal of foolish talk going the rounds of the press about Chicago being made liable for almost unlimited millions because the coroner's jury held Mayor Harrison to the grand jury in the Iroquois fire case. This is preposterous. Even though the mayor might be criminally negligent, and this is extremely doubtful, a civil liability would not thereby attach to the city for damages.

With Mayor Harrison convicted of murder or manslaughter it does not follow that damages could be collected from the taxpayers of the city of Chicago. He is personally responsible for his acts but every misfeasance or even malfeasance does not make it possible for taxpayers to be held for damages. The mere holding of the mayor by the grand jury as a case sufficient for further investigation constitutes a very slender thread on which to hang damages enough to swamp the city. Had Judge Tuthill not released Mayor Harrison on the writ of habeas corpus he would still have a hearing before the grand jury which might ignore an indictment. If indicted his case must be heard by a jury of his peers before he could be convicted. Until conviction certainly there could be nothing approaching a liability against the city because of the mayor's laxness or culpability. The excited talk about Chicago being ruined on the flimsy verdict of a coroner's jury is some one's cigar dream or the feverish ghost of a disordered liver. It is getting to be altogether too fashionable to shoulder the sins of all mankind on a municipal or other corporation.

GREAT IS TECHNICALITY.
The most potent defense of big criminals these days is the technicality. Senator Dietrich had not been sworn in when the bootlegging was committed. The Missouri supreme court released a scoundrel because the name of the company which he robbed was not correctly stated in the indictment, though the facts of the robbery were undisputed. Ames escapes the Minnesota penitentiary on a mere trifle, his guilt being undisputed. Now Gov. Odell refuses to extradite William Ziegler, the head of the baking powder trust which openly bought Missouri legislators like they had been so many pigs. The reason given is that Ziegler could not be a fugitive from justice because it is not proven that he was in Missouri when the crimes were committed. Such trifling with justice as these cases show does more to breed anarchy and discontent than all other causes put together. An era of old-fashioned justice divested of the travesties of the law is a wholesome need. The passage of the alum baking powder law by the Missouri legislature was one of the most flagrantly rotten performances ever unearthed in any American state. The baking powder trust of which Mr. Ziegler is the active head did not hesitate to use any corrupt means it could lay its hands upon.

AN UNFORTUNATE PRECIPITANT
The investigation of certain phases of the recent strike in Chicago by the grand jury made it necessary to summon Edward Nockles, secretary of the Chicago Federation of Labor, with the books of that organization. He appeared but refused to produce the books. Being cited to appear before the court for contempt Nockles testified that to do so would incriminate himself. Upon this admission the court freed him, saying that it was astonishing that men should put themselves in a position where they were obliged to make oath that the record of their business would expose them to criminal punishment, adding: "I see no other punishment except such as public opinion may deal out to them."

It is extremely unfortunate that organized labor should be driven to such extremity. The best sentiment of the country has striven and is striving hard to be friendly to the labor organizations. But the frequent ill-considered and foolish conduct of labor leaders is constantly shaking the confidence of people of friendly inclination. Here is a high officer in the Chicago Federation making oath in a court of justice that the records of his organization contain proofs of criminal matters. It will take years of wise management to repair the damage done by an admission like that.

SAYS EDUCATION SPOILS NEGRO.
The newly elected governor of Mississippi was not outside his latitude when in his inaugural address he referred to the negro problem, says an exchange. No statesman or officer or politician in the south can close his eyes or his mouth to this one abiding and troublesome issue; but when the governor puts himself on record as emphatically opposed to educating the colored race, he challenged public opinion of the North and of the South. Perhaps he has statistics which prove or seem to prove that the criminal rate increases as the negroes make progress in education. If so, the public ought to see the figures. Even then, such figures will have to be interpreted along with other conditions and facts which may modify their meaning.

It is hard to believe that ignorance promotes honesty and good behavior, while intelligence contributes to vice. No doubt there are cases where the young negro graduate comes back to his old haunts and by his superior knowledge preys upon the ignorance of his own people. As in the case of

white men, the education of a scoundrel enables him to enlarge the sphere of his rascality. But an entirely new and well lighted situation confronts us if this new verdict is to be accepted and we are to remand the negroes to permanent illiteracy. To be sure, learning is not the same as virtue or integrity. At the same time it is impossible to build an effective citizenship on a foundation of ignorance.

In these days when the safety of the people is being considered it is not out of place to call attention to a necessity for requiring some test of efficiency in handling and caring for engines and machinery. So many buildings now have their own heating and lighting plants that stationary engineers should be required to pass an examination before being permitted to take charge of them.

Oftentimes many people's lives are endangered by ignorance or carelessness of incompetent men. The city council might with much propriety look into this field and see if some ordinance is not necessary to preserve life and property.

The court in Chicago has been three weeks trying to get a jury to try the car barn murderers. So far the requisite number of ignoramuses has not been secured. Illinois jury laws need revising very imperatively.

In all this jangle and talk about governors and the candidates there is one tongue strangely silent. Where is Billy Mason and why doesn't he say something? A word from the former senator might still the warring elements and produce that brand of harmony for which he was famous only two short years ago.

The conclusion that all officials are dishonest, because hoodlums are being prosecuted and convicted in various parts of the country is not a fair one. In fact there is a higher grade of official standing than ever before. The thing is that public conscience is so aroused that the crooks are being caught. If some of the higher courts would brush off the mildew of indifference and delay and technicality many royal swindlers would speedily wear stripes.

The ghost of Hearst will not down. Jack Baker of Sullivan says so. Those democrats who either voted for McKinley or swallowed Bryan with a very face and who have been hoping for a return of reason are in the cave of gloom. Hearst's nomination would appeal to certain elements. It would array class against class but Roosevelt would carry almost every state in the Union. This country might stand, even survive, Bryanism, but Hearstism never.

It is entirely unlikely that Champaign county will present a candidate for congress. With a candidate for state auditor and the present member of state board of equalization Champaign will not make further demands on the republicans of the 19th district. Of course the present member of the board of equalization is a candidate for re-election.

The latest suggestion among the warring factions is to make former Speaker John G. Carlisle the democratic Moses. Of course he refused to bow down to the silver calf constructed and set up by Bryan, but he has so long been in retirement that much of the early antagonism on that account is forgotten. Carlisle is an able man and would be a very creditable leader of the democracy.

On Monday evening Chicago had its first theater opening since the great Iroquois fire more than a month ago. McVickers was the first one able to comply with the requirements for safety. Others will soon follow.

Secretary Root's retirement from the cabinet is a decided loss but his successor, Judge Taft, has proven himself equal to every responsibility in other positions. He, no doubt, will fully sustain the high record made by Secretary Root.

Ninety-three years ago the greatest American journalist was born. To say that reference is had to Horace Greeley is needless. He began and established the New York Tribune. It is yet one of the world's leading newspapers.

There were 4000 people killed in railroad wrecks in this country last year, 1904 is starting out to break the record. Still in proportion to the number of people who travel this is insignificant. The percentage of the danger is very small.

Of course the ground hog saw his shadow. Of course there will be six weeks more of winter. The ground hog says so. Hickeys says so. When these two great philosophers agree weak mortal man can not dispute their wisdom. Keep on your tinnales.

If the price of cotton keeps on going up it will be more economic to wear silk dresses than calico. Still, most of the present flurry is speculation. Prospect of a good crop will easily knock the bottom out.

Congressman Warner will waste no time in the entertainment of Sherman in joint debate. Warner is after the elusive delegate to the state convention.

Congressman Warner made considerable hay while the love feast sun shone at Springfield. It is the general verdict that his plea for peace was well timed and most effective.

Gov. Bailey of Kansas withdraws from the race for governor in the

interest of harmony. A few Illinois gentlemen might profitably go and do likewise.

Iowa republicans evidently take themselves too seriously. The "Iowa idea" is nothing new. The rest of the country can easily settle the questions of reciprocity and protection.

Colombia is said to think that this country will only protect the canal zone. She needs later information. Panama is the real canal zone and Colombia will be advised to "keep off the grass."

Gorman's failure to get the democratic senators to stand against the Panama treaty is humiliating to the former potent boss of democracy. His name is Ichabod, for his glory has departed.

There are nine Chicago theaters which can not comply with the law and will not reopen. They are those that can be most easily spared.

William Ziegler will not attend the St. Louis exposition this summer. His baking powder interests will require all his attention in New York.

The St. Louis fair managers should not overlook "Boodler's Day." If all came it would be the big day of the exposition.

Mr. Bryan is busy now discussing "moral issues." He no doubt takes occasion to use the Bennett will case as an illustration.

Suppose the ground hog should find his hole frozen up so that he cannot get out today what would we do for weather?

Senator Morgan will never quit until death shuts him off or Alabama concludes to send a man to the senate instead of a phonograph.

That this has been a hard winter can be proven by any of the candidates for governor.

Senator Burton is one of the best dressed men in the senate or will be when he gets through with the courts.

The political "walking delegate" was properly classified at the Springfield meeting last week.

February has a good chance to become popular by being a little milder than January.

This is ground hog day. Of course every hog must have his day.

Mayor Harrison is evidently in favor of government by habeas corpus.

Double mileage had to go. The salary grab reminiscence was too potential.

NEARBY TOWNS

WELDON.
The Misses Ethel Fairbanks, Jennie Carr, Eliza Thomas and Bonnie Miles attended the teachers' institute at Clinton Thursday and Friday.

Lewis Edwards and Miss Fannie Gray were married Sunday evening at the home of the bride.

T. L. McCoy went to Martinsville, Ind., last Wednesday.

Miss Aita Barker returned to her home at Gibson City Tuesday.

The little daughter of Thomas Edwards is very sick with the grip.

Mrs. J. B. Lane is still in Kansas City with her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Egan.

Dr. Dorra Tyler from Clinton was here Tuesday on professional business.

Walter Thomas spent Sunday in Clinton.

Miss Bird came Monday from Clinton to visit her son, Jackson, south of town.

Warren Byland from Clinton visited Wednesday and Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Covey.

Orlando Garrett and family will soon move to the new home at Gibson City. Marshall will occupy the farm Mr. Garrett vacates.

Grandma McMann is recovering from a recent spell of the grip.

Miss Mary Bennett returned to her home in Chicago Friday.

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MT. ZION.

Mrs. C. M. Bateman is on the sick list.

Mrs. Thomas who has been sick, is improving.

Mrs. Maggie Coffman of Lake City visited her sister, Mrs. A. B. Chapman, last week.

Mrs. A. Coombs visited her mother, Mrs. Susan Jones at Height last Friday.

Herbert Britton and family visited in Harvey City last Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Boyce was a visitor in Decatur last Friday.

Mrs. Falconer and daughter, Mayme, were Decatur visitors last week.

Miss Edna Scott, a business visitor in Decatur Tuesday.

Those who attended the oyster supper at Height station last Friday night were Fred Britton and wife and Misses Mabel Vermillion, May Cox, Nellie Elkins, Virgie Scott, Lizzie Dinger, Maud Scott, Gladys Coyle and Charley Hughes, Charley Epling, Ben Readhead, Rex Hughes, Jud Readhead, Clarence Coombs and Lester Bateman.

G. C. Outten entertained a number of his friends Monday evening.

Mrs. Fleming desires to gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the Middleworth Home: Child's underwear. Mrs. McKinney, cash, \$1. Mrs. Brock, clothing and \$50. Mrs. R. Noble, cash. In response to the request of the matron the money subscribed will be laid out in material for boys' shirts, waists, night shirts, pillow cases, etc., and any one who will assist in the making up of said material will kindly meet Monday afternoon, Feb. 3, at the home of Mrs. Fleming.

CLINTON.
Mrs. E. A. Reed spent Sunday at Mattoon, the guest of Rev. J. E. Harney and family. Rev. J. E. Harney was formerly pastor of the M. E. church of this city.

Miss Ella Medland has gone to Chicago, where she will be employed in Gage's millinery store.

Miss Gracie Abrell was awarded the prize for making the highest score at the Grand bowling alley this month. She made a score of 187.

The one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McGaughey died Sunday night as a result of pneumonia.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. C. Black from the home Tuesday.

Harry Kirk of this city and Miss Hazel Wyles of Peoria was married Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. T. C. Canady at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. A. L. Kirk. They left immediately for a visit in Lincoln.

The Clinton Daily and Weekly Times of this city which has been under the management and editorship of Arthur P. Sweeney the past couple years, has been temporarily suspended.

A very pleasant surprise was perpetrated on Fred N. Argo Saturday, the occasion being his 37th birthday anniversary. A large number of his relatives and friends were present and he was presented with a beautiful large chair. A bounteous dinner was served. Among those from out of town were W. H. McKinley and family of Hallville and H. C. Lawler and family of Bloomington.

The Epworth League held an all-day rally at the M. E. church Sunday and fifty-one new members were taken into the league. Dr. W. F. Oldham of Chicago and Rev. C. B. Taylor and James Sear of Bloomington were among the speakers of the day.

The remains of the late Mrs. Mary McClure were taken to Kentucky today. Mrs. McClure died Monday noon of pneumonia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. M. Highbaugh.

Mrs. Taylor has gone to Ogden to be at the bedside of her granddaughter who is very ill.

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VONN.

Summer Burdick's youngest daughter died of scarlet fever on Wednesday, Jan. 26, and was buried at Old Stonington the rest of the children are getting better.

Lots of complaint of grip and bad colds this severe weather.

Mrs. Thomas Wharram and little Ethel Shull have been quite sick.

John Burdick has had the plow handles for Sam McCain next summer.

Mrs. J. M. Moore, who has been with her father at Redlands, Cal., for over a year is expected home this week.

Bookkeeper Will shell corn today. William Waters' sale occurred last Tuesday and although the weather was cold and stormy the attendance was fair and everything sold well.

Will Ellison is quite low, resulting from blood poisoning. Drs. Crow and Williamson of Assumption have been in attendance.

Mr. Snashall of Peoria rusticated here a short time last week.

Robert Long's family spent Thursday evening at John Herdman's.

Miss Helen spent Saturday and Sunday with Dorothy Sabine.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrance were in Taylorville last Saturday.

Many farmers from here attended the Walker implement sale in Assumption last Thursday.

W. C. Clawson will move back into his own house in a few days.

Joe Hoover of Assumption will move into the E. W. Long house about Mar. 1, and work for him this season.

John Robinson will leave for Dr. Harper land where Pat Hodge lives this year.

Feb. 1.

LONG CREEK.

Cleve Berchem, who went two weeks ago to Jennings, La., has returned. He says, he don't like the country.

The upper portion of the M. E. church in progress since Sunday are not very largely attended but with very good interest.

Corra Jones of Decatur has leased the blacksmith shop of Wm. Foote and will go to work there soon.

We learn that George Martin who went to Texas sometime ago for his health is no better but has grown worse.

Feb. 2.

CASNER.

A. A. Hill and J. B. Hopkins have returned from Champaign where they have been taking a course in agriculture.

Mrs. A. A. Hill spent a couple days this week visiting friends and relatives at Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Roby were given a reception at the home of the bride on last Wednesday evening. No one but the relatives were invited. They were also reminded of their recent marriage by the chattering crowd. Mr. and Mrs. Roby will live in Casner for awhile at least.

Mrs. E. S. Gayman, who has been quite sick during the past week, is convalescent.

Clara, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Hunt, has been sick for several days.

Mrs. E. E. Tohill visited at her father's at Long Creek Saturday.

Mrs. E. B. Chapman entertained a number of friends at her home Friday night.

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SULLIVAN.

The protracted meeting at the C. P. church is still in progress. The congregations are not large on account of the extreme cold weather.

Moses Powell, an old citizen of Sullivan, died at his home last Thursday, aged 44 years.

Foster and Finley shipped two carloads of horses to the Chicago market this week.



A WOOLTEX WALKING COSTUME.

Tan chevrot, with tiny flecks of black and brown fashions this wooltex walking costume. The waist-length Eton has a yoke collar of white, braided in gold and the vest edges are braided in similar style. The broad-shaped belt is fashioned to the figure and holds the Eton down at the back and sides. The skirt is many gored, strappings in irregular lengths running up the seams and fastened with a brass bullet button. The Phipps & Atchison hat is an advance spring style in tan straw, with a shirred facing of white silk and a military roseotto cord at the side. The broad crown is encircled with a band of brown velvet, clasped with a gilt buckle.

Real Estate Transfers.

Lee Goldbaugh to McKendish Busch, property in Sullivan; \$1,400.
A. Hoofs to E. L. Beall, property in Lexington; \$700.
M. & P. State Bank to Jasper Shaw, property in Sullivan; \$1,100.
T. E. Pierce to Oves Burnett, 30 acres in East Nelson township; \$3,000.
John N. Benton to Jennie Noble, 34 acres in town 13, 4; \$20,000.
M. L. Waggoner to T. I. Seggett, lots in Bruce; \$200.
Feb. 3.

What Steel is Made Of.

The raw materials of manufacture in making pig iron consist of iron ore, coke, and limestone, in the proportions of two pounds of ore to one pound of coke and one-third of a pound of limestone. In the manufacture of the steel from which rails are rolled, there are two fundamental processes: first, the reduction of the ore in the blast furnace; and then the conversion of the molten iron into steel in the converter. The description of the blast furnace is the same for all the sub-quent branches of the steel industry; for blast furnace practice is broadly the same today in every furnace throughout the country. Each furnace (there are eleven in all at the Edgar Thomson works) consists of a huge steel shell varying from seventy-five to ninety feet in height. It has its largest diameter at about a quarter of its height, and tapers regularly to its smallest diameter at the top platform. The upper portion is known as the "boiler," while below this is the "heart," in which the molten cast iron collects. The boiler, which is just above the tuyeres, is provided with annular holes for the charcoal or coke. The brick work, through which a stream of cold water is circulated for the purpose of keeping down the temperature of the brickwork at the hottest part of the furnace. It should be explained that the whole interior of the steel shell is lined with about three feet of brickwork—Scientific American.

ASKING ABOUT THE SHERMAN

Man at Providence, Rhode Island, is Making Inquiries Of the City Officials in Decatur.

DOES NOT SAY WHAT HE WANTS.

Lost relatives, a fortune perhaps, awaits persons who bear the name of Sherman. City Clerk Leach has received a letter from Providence, R. I., asking for information about everyone in Decatur who bears the name of Sherman. The letter is written by a man named J. L. Sherman who evidently is a relative of the city clerk at Providence. He asks that he be given the address of everyone named Sherman living in Decatur but does not say why he wants to know.

The writer also states in his letter that David Thompson and wife settled here in 1859 and that they had children. He asked that the names of the children born to Thompson and his wife shown on the records be sent him, but the city has no birth records earlier than 1877 so this information cannot be given.

The city directory gives the names of only three persons in Decatur who go by the name of Sherman. If any such write to J. L. Sherman, care of the city hall at Providence, R. I., they may learn something of their benefit if they happen to be the persons whom the man who wrote to the city clerk is looking for.

Marriage Licenses.

Charles A. Newell, Decatur 22
Edythe M. Horton, Decatur 18

A weather prophet may not be without honor, save in this world.

A nose best shows how the cold wind blows.

COUNTY COURT.

The disposition of the colored boy, James Marvel, has been decided. A. D. Cecil has been appointed guardian of the boy and will look after him and the boy will live with Shadrack Kemp. The will of the late Edwin Park has been admitted to probate in the county court. A lot of the estate is left to the widow. The estate consists of a house and about forty acres of land north of Fairview park and some property in Decatur, all of which is valued at about \$15,000.

Philosophical.

"Do you like mountain scenery?"
"I might as well."
"I might as well." I fear I don't get your meaning."
"I might as well like it, for I can't change it."—Houston Post.

Teacher (of class in grammar)—
Construct the sentence. "The proper study of mankind is man."
One of the Big Girls—I don't believe it's true. It was a man that wrote that.—Chicago Tribune.

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Michigan Experiences Terrible Blizzards Which Interrupt Inter-urban and Steam Railways.

TRAINS STUCK IN BIG DRIFTS.

General, Feb. 2.—Trolley lines and telephone and telegraph service is seriously interrupted by the blizzard which has hit Michigan this afternoon. The inter-urban cars are snowbound in the Detroit creek and Kalamazoo. The Detroit city trains are one to three hours late. Ann Arbor reports an inter-urban car stalled five miles west of Ann Arbor.

Trains Stuck in the Snow.
Kalamazoo, Mich., Feb. 2.—One of the worst snowstorms of the year has hit this section tonight. A heavy snow storm is fast in a snow drift six to ten hours late.

Deckersville Snowbound.
Detroit, Feb. 2.—A heavy snowstorm struck at Deckersville. That town has no mail train for four days and supplies of coal and flour are exhausted.

Rescued on Bobs.
Niles, Mich., Feb. 2.—A blizzard swept northwestern Michigan tonight. A big four passenger train is buried in a snow drift 12 miles north of Niles and the passengers were conveyed to a nearby town on bob sleighs.

Collided in Blinding Snow.
Westland, Mich., Feb. 2.—During a blinding snow storm tonight two trains on the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad collided. Ten people were hurt, none fatally.

WHOOPIED IT UP FOR HEARST.

Efforts Being Made to Interest Local Democracy.

Jack Baker, the Moultrie county politician came to the city Sunday afternoon to plant the seeds of a Hearst boom. During the afternoon he conferred with a number of democrats at the St. Nicholas and found that especially among the younger element there was a considerable Hearst feeling.

Speaking of the conditions in his own county Mr. Baker said there was no doubt that Moultrie would be for Hearst and he said further that Hearst would get Illinois in the next national convention as well as the presidential nomination.

It is reported that Theodore Nelson is in the south part of the state working up a Hearst boom and that he is making it go.

The Lone Prospector.
An old man by the name of Firelight, and the cabin shook from the winter blast.

His thoughts went back to a Christmas night, down through the vale of a happy past.

He dreamed of a home in the far-off state, and a fair-haired girl of tender years. Then his vision turned to the pearly eyes of the city doctor.

His eyes were dimmed by the falling tears. With trembling hand he tenderly clasped.

And yet he wore neath his shirt of gray. And his frame convulsed while the tears flowed fast.

'Twas the trinket she gave on a Christmas day.

On the howling blast the old church bell. Seemed to ring again so mournfully.

Feeling the notes of the funeral knell. And his heart grew sad in memory.

With a reverent gaze at the eyes of his wife. He hid from the world the treasure dear.

Through all these years none ever knew. Why he dwelt alone in the cabin drear.

Going to Oklahoma.
A party of house seekers will leave today for Guymon, Oklahoma. The party will be in charge of J. P. Ruark and W. H. Snyder. Messrs. Gile, Roy, Barnum, Arthur, Ruark and about twelve others will be in the party. They expect to locate in Oklahoma. Mr. Ruark will stay at Guymon and will be land agent there for the Rock Island road.

Another party of home seekers will go to the same place Feb. 16.

THIRTEEN AT A WEDDING

And the Bride Declared She Wouldn't Stand It.

There is no doubt that many people have a prejudice against the number thirteen. Not long ago at a private wedding in this town which there was but a small company, when the bride came into the room, she looked around over the friends a moment and remarked that there were just thirteen people present and that she did not want to be married in a room containing thirteen people. One of the gentlemen guests obligingly volunteered to go out and then the ceremony proceeded forth with.—Champaign Gazette.

Oyster Supper at Night.

The festival held at the High school Friday evening Jan. 29 was one of the most successful ones of the country.

There was a large attendance. Oysters and a general supper were served at the basement. There were also a country store and confectionery stand on stairs.

A cake was voted to the most popular young lady and was won by Miss Marie Lichtenberger.

Lut Tinkler held the lucky number on the cake for the ring.

There was \$60.75 cash taken in and \$22.82 cleared. The proceeds are to go to purchase an organ for the school.

The ladies of the district were highly praised by all for the well prepared oyster supper. The teacher and directors expressed their many thanks for the help rendered.

THE DEATH RECORD.
Dayton W. Dunham died Sunday, Feb. 2, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dunham, four miles southwest of Decatur.

Lung fever was the immediate cause of death. The young man had been attending the James Millikin University and had as a result he got lung fever. The cause of the death of his studies was partly the cause of his illness and death.

Tommy Dunham graduated from the country schools and then attended the

high school one year. He entered the university and took more than the usual number of studies and worked hard. He was liked among the other students and was a good boy and stood well in his classes.

The body was brought to Decatur and taken to the residence of the young man's aunt, Mrs. L. P. Pharo, 1409 West Main street. The funeral will be held from there at 2 p. m. Wednesday.

J. W. Cannon.

James Wilson Cannon died Sunday night at 9 o'clock at his home in Harriestown township after an illness of only three hours. Mr. Cannon was preparing to eat supper when he was stricken with apoplexy. He had been in the best of health, seemingly, and the stroke was entirely unexpected.

Dr. Hull and Pope of Niantic were called and they arrived about half an hour before Mr. Cannon died, but they could do nothing for him.

Mr. Cannon was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, Jan. 12, 1853, and came to this state when but a child and has lived here all of his life. Mr. Cannon leaves a wife and three sons. O. H. Cannon of this city, J. T. Cannon of Blue Mound township and B. K. Cannon of Harriestown township.

The funeral will be held at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning from the Long Point church. The burial will be in the Long Point cemetery.

D. L. Joy.

The body of D. L. Joy, brother of Conductor W. F. Joy, who died at Rutledge, N. M., arrived in the city last night. The funeral will be held from St. Patrick's Catholic church at 1:30 p. m. today.

Mr. Joy lived in the neighborhood of Decatur until about four years ago when he went to New Mexico. He was ill only three weeks and died of quick consumption.

Mr. Joy was unmarried and leaves two brothers, Conductor Joy and another brother in Colorado, and one sister, Mrs. John Duggan, to whose home in this city the body was taken on arrival in Decatur.

BEVELLE'S BODY IS EXHUMED

To Determine Whether His Death Was Due to an Accident or to Natural Causes.

The body of the late Benjamin Bevelle, which was interred at Oak Hill cemetery about two weeks ago, were exhumed Monday afternoon by Doctor Armstrong and mortician at the instigation of the Aetna Insurance company and the widow of the deceased. A post-mortem examination was held in an effort to ascertain the cause of the death of Bevelle—a \$1500 accident policy hanging upon the diagnosis.

It is likely that the insurance company is in the contention of the widow that Bevelle's death was due to a hemorrhage of the brain caused by a fall he sustained a day or so before he died. The insurance company is contesting the policy on the ground that death resulted from apoplexy, a natural cause.

The doctors found a large blood clot on the brain of the deceased, but neither would state definitely as to the cause of the man's death.

It is likely that the insurance company will effect a settlement with Mrs. Bevelle without the matter getting into the courts.

Hamlin Comes the Twentieth.

Attorney General J. Hamlin of Shelbyville, will be in Taylorville on Saturday, Feb. 20, in the interests of his candidacy for the republican nomination of governor.

He will speak in the court house in the afternoon and also in the evening. Mr. Hamlin is an orator of national reputation. Everyone is invited to hear him.

Ball Backed Out.

Alex Ball, of Taylorville, who was held out to the poor farm by Special Deputy Sheriff W. H. Fossett, of Mosquito township, escaped from his guard in Taylorville today. Ball and Fossett came in on the Washburn accommodation train from Decatur this morning and intended leaving for Owensboro at 4:40 a. m., near which place the poor farm is located. At the B. & O. depot Ball notified Fossett that he intended to back out and accordingly walked away.

Wheeler's Store Burglarized.

The grocery store of Charles F. Wheeler, located south of the high school, was entered by burglars Monday night and cigars and chewing tobacco valued at about \$5 taken.

Entrance was effected by breaking one of the large glass windows in the front of the store, which was worth about \$15. From the size of the hole in the glass, through which the person or persons went into the store, it is the belief that a boy or small-sized man was the culprit.

For Collector.

Frank Friel, the cigar maker, also wants to be tax collector of Taylorville township. He will present his name before the republican primary convention.

BURNS FATAL.

Mrs. Christensen Died Yesterday—Bodies of Children Recovered. Council Bluffs, Ia., Feb. 2.—Mrs. Peter Christensen, mother of the children who perished in their burned home last night, died today as a result of her burns. The bodies of the five dead children have been recovered.

Northwestern Buys Logging Line.

Shelbygan, Wis., Feb. 2.—The Wisconsin Land Company Logging line in Shawano has been sold to the Chicago Northwestern. The road is modernized and extended to Shawano.

DEATHS OF THE DAY.

Springfield, Feb. 2.—Richard Anderson, major of the second battalion eighth infantry, Illinois guard, died tonight.

TOOK THE DARE.

Two Women Win Oyster Supper Hitching on Behind. About a week ago two married women, who live on East Eldorado street, were dared by a couple of their friends to take small hand sleds and hitch on behind some wagon or sled and take a ride. The women bet an oyster supper that they would ride in that fashion, and the bet was a couple of small sleds and hitched on behind a large sled which was passing and took a short ride.

The affair ended last night in an oyster supper at the home of one of the women on East Eldorado street. The women who did the riding did not have to pay.

BRIDE AND GROOM SUICIDE

By Taking Carbolic Acid After a Honeymoon Of Two Weeks' Duration.

PARENTS HAD OPPOSED MATCH.

Saginaw, Mich., Feb. 2.—The wedding here last week of Corporal Charles A. Valois, of Company H, Twenty-sixth Infantry, home on a furlough, and Miss Mabel Steiner, had a tragic climax last night when they took carbolic acid. Mrs. Valois is dead and the husband is in a critical condition.

The match was a case of love at first sight and met the disapproval of the parents of each of them. They left a letter saying their parents had turned them out and they had no place to go and had decided to die together.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Bird Life.—The next number of the Y. M. C. A. Star Course will be given Friday evening when James Speed will appear and Mr. Speed will lecture on "Bird Life." His lecture will be illustrated by some beautiful stereoscopic views.

Wedding Cards Out.—Cards are out announcing the marriage of S. S. Kerr and Miss Alice M. Shaw, on Friday, Feb. 26th, at the home of the bride's parents near Macon.

Confession.—A confession of judgment in favor of W. G. Cochran and against Charles W. Whitney was filed in the circuit clerk's office Tuesday. The amount was \$34.40.

To Oklahoma.—George and Frank Bobb have gone to Oklahoma where they will stay for ten or fifteen days on a prospecting tour.

Promoted.—Charles M. Steele, formerly of Decatur and who has been working for the Oliver Typewriter Company at Chicago, has been promoted. He has been made traveling auditor and will visit the different agents, making his headquarters at Chicago.

Looked at Gamewell.—The mayor and members of the city council of Mt. Pulaski and the fire marshal of that place, came to Decatur Tuesday to look at the Gamewell fire alarm system used in this city. They were shown the workings of the system. The Mt. Pulaski officials are considering putting in such a system in their town.

Will Meet.—The executive committee of the Leap Year Dancing club will meet Sunday afternoon with Ed Shlimor at his home on Central avenue.

Double Header.—Harvey Williams, a Wabash brakeman, had an unusual run last night. He ran the baggage on No. 9 from the east and then went out on No. 1 about 9:40 o'clock as a brakeman.

On Time.—No. 50 on the Wabash from St. Louis due in Decatur at 9 o'clock was on time last night to the great surprise of the Wabash men. This train has been getting in late almost every night for the past three months.

Voted.—The miners met last night in their hall on East Eldorado street. They voted on the men whom they wished for state officers.

Talk Building.—The building committee of the Y. M. C. A. met last night and talked about the new building. The committee is now considering plans and a survey looked over some plans at the meeting.

Ben Hur.—The members of Triumph Court No. 17, T. B. H. are planning to give an entertainment Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Y. M. C. A. hall. A drill by the degree team. A supper will be served.

JOTTINGS FROM THE J. M. U.

Tribute to Dayton Dunham.
At chapel Tuesday morning President Taylor spoke on the death of Dayton Dunham, who was a student in the freshman class of the University, paying high tribute to the young man's life and work. He told of the earnestness with which the young man pursued his studies of his high character and his popularity among his fellow students. During the young man's illness his interest in his studies and his class mates never waned, and the evening before his death he quired about the University and his friends.

Dayton Dunham is the second university student whom death has claimed during the school year. The speaker impressed upon the students the shortness of this life and the near presence of death and at the close of his remarks, the students, deeply moved, passed in silence from the chapel in respect for the dead.

Immediately after chapel the freshmen class held a meeting and decided to attend the funeral in a body. A committee was appointed to select a floral tribute from the class and a committee on resolutions was appointed to send a suitable message from the class to the family.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon from the residence of I. F. Pharo on West Main street just across from the university buildings.

Foot Ball Sweaters.

The long looked for sweaters have arrived, and were awarded Tuesday to the football players who have won the honor of wearing the university "at" by playing victory from Ann Arbor to Chicago.

The sweaters are made up in the University blue and have a large white "M" upon them. The sweaters were awarded to the following players: Duane E. Masterson, captain of the team; Ed Sprague, Ed McCollum, Arthur Moore, Robt. Keeton, Edward Grubel, Sam'l Powers, Hugh Cress, Joe Galbraith, Forrest Frie, E. L. Kling, Owen Gilliland and Horace McDavid.

The sweaters were much appreciated by the players and especially because of the cold weather.

New Furniture.

The new furniture for the Y. M. C. A. room has been purchased and placed in the room improving the appearance very much. The furniture consists of six chairs, a table, a speaker's chair, one rocking chair and a hat rack. The leather upholstered seats, the different pieces are all of weathered oak.

Orleans.

The Orleans Literary society has posted in advance a program for its meeting February 15.

Essay—Dwight Young. Magazine Art—Adlu. Tagerwall. Essay—Chas. Sampley. Autobiography—Anne Magill. Extremes—Ethan Kyle. Music.

Original Story—Horace McDavid. Debate. Resolved, that the study of mathematics is a better development for the thinking powers than languages. Affirmative—Clara Richmond. Negative—J. D. Moses.

Baseball.

A meeting of the baseball section was called Tuesday noon and all candidates for the baseball team were told that they must pay up their quarterly dues before being allowed privileges of the gymnasium. The condition of the gymnasium classes were also read.

Bible Study.
The classes in Bible study have finished a review of a synopsis of the books of the New Testament. An examination on the work completed will be held some time this week at the university.

Chas. M. Emerson of the sophomore class, is on the sick list.

HELMICK IS GRANTED PARDON

Man Who Murdered Rival on Salt Creek Few Years Ago to be Freed Feb. 10.

Lincoln, Feb. 2.—Special to The Herald.—Daniel F. Helmick, convicted in Logan county and sentenced to the penitentiary for the crime of murder, has his sentence commuted to expire February 10. Helmick and two other men and three women were traveling over the country. A feeling of jealousy as to one of the women seems to have arisen in the quarrel which followed, Helmick killed his rival.

Helmick killed his victim on Salt Creek, close to Mt. Pulaski, and was sentenced to a long term in prison, which has since been commuted to a term of years. Helmick was traveling over the country engaged in a nefarious business and assembled around him people of questionable standing.

It cost the people of Logan county much time, trouble and money until Helmick was pardoned. The pardon was granted because he had been in prison a long time and he should have been pardoned a long time in prison it is Helmick.

RUSSIAN FLEET.

At Vladivostok Put in Fighting Trim and Ready to Sail.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—A despatch from Vladivostok issued here by a semi-official agency, says the Russian fleet at Vladivostok has been fully equipped for immediate service and prepared for operations. The fleet consists of five cruisers and a transport.

FIRES

Canton, O., Feb. 2.—Fire started by the explosion of headlight and fanned by a blizzard, tonight destroyed the machine and carpenter shops of the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad. Loss \$75,000.

Cincinnati, Feb. 2.—Fire tonight destroyed the Great China Tea company building and partially destroyed four adjoining buildings. Loss \$250,000.

Knoxville, Feb. 2.—A fire in the heart of the wholesale district tonight caused a loss of \$370,000 and cost the lives of two men. The fire was caused by the walls of the Phoenix building, crashed through a room of the Ross Building adjoining. The property destroyed included Phoenix building, Murphy and Robinson's wholesale millinery, Cullen and Newman, wholesale notions, Cullen and Shields, wholesale glassware and machinery; M. L. Ross & Co.

ARBITRATORS' DECISION

In Chicago Livery Drivers' Strike Favors the Owners.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Arbitrators in the strike of the Livery Drivers announced their decision tonight. The conditions as to the men are practically the same as before the strike. The old contract, against which the men struck, is renewed except in two particulars, there shall be no more posting of union delegates in stables and purses and he sound to have uniform made by union tailors. These eliminations favor owners.

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

Miners and Operators Abandon Their First Demands and Talk of Renewing Present Scale.

PENNSYLVANIA IS OBJECTING.

Indianapolis, Feb. 2.—After another day's argument no agreement has been reached by the scale commissioners of miners and operators of the central competitive district. The operators have abandoned their specific demand for 15 per cent reduction of wages but insist upon "substantial decrease." The miners have decided to abandon their first demands and will agree to a compromise renewing the present scale and conditions. The miners' officials claim this evening that operators of Ohio, Illinois and Indiana have agreed to renew the present scale but Pennsylvania operators are making vigorous objections.

Three Lumber Companies Merge.

Hackley, Wis., Feb. 2.—The merging of three lumbering companies has been chartered under the laws of Michigan has been effected. The companies are: Wisconsin Lumber and Park Company, Grand Rapids Park and Lumber Company, Hackley Bonnell Lumber Company. The new company capitalized at \$1,000,000.

WE ARE NOT MIXING.

United States Having Nothing to Do With Far East Trouble.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The attention of the state department being called to a Paris cablegram quoting an alleged Washington despatch to the effect that the United States was co-operating with England and France to bring pressure to bear upon Japan in the interest of peace, it was stated today by the acting secretary that there had been no such concerted action; that the United States had not, and would not act with any other power in this matter.

One Hundred Settlers Killed.

Berlin, Feb. 2.—The statement is made that 100 settlers have been killed in German southwest Africa during the present troubles there.

WHITNEY DIES UNDER KNIFE

SURGEONS PREPARING FOR SECOND OPERATION WHEN FORMER SECRETARY DIES.

UNDER INFLUENCE OF ETHER

Death a Severe Shock As Last Public News Was Effect That He Was Showing Improvement.

New York, Feb. 2.—William Collins Whitney, former secretary of the navy, died a few minutes after 4 o'clock this afternoon while under the influence of ether administered preparatory to a second operation for appendicitis. By his bedside were his son, Harry Payne Whitney, and his daughter, Dorothy Whitney, as well as Dr. William T. Bull, chief surgeon-in-attendance.

Mr. Whitney was in his sixty-fourth year. He was taken ill Friday night while at the Metropolitan opera house and had to leave before the opera ended. Dr. James, the family physician found the condition of the patient was such that after consultation an operation was decided upon and it was performed by Dr. Bull. The patient rallied so well that it was fully believed he would recover.

Mr. Whitney's condition was very grave, however, on Sunday and Monday and at a consultation this afternoon a second operation was decided upon.

A bulletin issued in the morning stated there had been a slight improvement in the patient's condition but shortly before three o'clock alarming symptoms were noted and hurried preparations were made for the second operation. Mr. Whitney was placed under the influence of ether, but whether the operation proceeded or not is not known.

When the physicians found that the patient was in danger of death his son and daughter were immediately notified. They hastened to the side of their father and in a few minutes he had breathed his last. Oxygen was used and all the skill of the physicians and surgeons brought into play to save the life of the distinguished patient, but to no avail.

It was 5 o'clock before the simple fact of his death was made public. Later a statement was issued containing the facts substantially as above stated, and also announcing the interment would be at Woodlawn at a date to be hereafter fixed.

CLEVELAND DEEPLY MOVED.

Speaks Highly Of Ability of His Former Secretary.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 2.—Former President Cleveland was deeply moved when he learned of Mr. Whitney's death. He said:

"Mr. Whitney had more calm, forceful efficiency than any man I ever knew. In the work that interested him he actually seemed to court difficulties and to find pleasure and exhilaration in overcoming them. His conquest over the obstacles he encountered in undertaking to build up our navy afforded him greater delight than the contemplation of the great achievements of his department of government. His judgment was quick, clear and astonishingly accurate, and when it was called into action his mental power was so complete that neither passion nor irritation could lead it astray."

While I remember all this with admiration and affection, I recall with more tender sentiment Mr. Whitney's devotion to his friends, his extreme consideration for all with whom he came in contact, his thoughtfulness for his estate and comfort of others, and his ready impulse to help those who needed help. I mourn the death of a friend of whom it can be truthfully said that in his character were combined mental traits of high order and loving qualities of heart that grasped him to his friends with hooks of steel."

Gorman's Tribute.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Senator Gorman, who was closely associated in political affairs with Mr. Whitney, tonight said the death was a great shock, adding that Mr. Whitney "was endowed with rare ability, and in dealing with public affairs, had a breadth of wisdom which made him the equal of any of his contemporaries, no matter how august. His death is a great loss to his friends, his party and the country."

\$50,000 Mortgage Filed.

A \$50,000 mortgage has been filed in the recorder's office at the court house in Urbana by Grace E. Caldwell, Laura M. Caldwell and Mary E. Caldwell in favor of Frank V. Dilatash of Monticello. The encumbered land lies largely in Platt county and covers an area of 1,900 acres.—Champaign News.

Buchanan Sails.

Colon, Panama, Feb. 2.—W. A. Buchanan, United States minister to Panama, sailed this evening for New York.

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FOR A YOUNG HOSTESS.

A box-plaited effect is attained in this R. H. Macy gown of pearl sateen. The yoke is outlined and trimmed with heavy gold cords, and these are used with telling effect on the skirt. The box plaits are heavily pressed and set off by the double row of a tinsel gold braids on the inner portion, and the centre of the gold cords. A hip yoke is outlined with the broad braids and the pendant cord with tassels hanging to the feet.

HIS SERMON ON LYNCING

Got Rev. Edwood in Trouble and Resulted in Conviction of An Imposition by the Presbytery.

ADVISED TO BE MORE CAREFUL.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 2.—Rev. Robert A. Edwood, pastor of the Oliver Presbyterian church, of this city, was tried today by the Presbytery on charges growing out of a sermon entitled, "Should the murderer of Miss Helen Bishop be lynched," preached by him the day before George White, the negro murderer of Miss Bishop, was burned at the stake. He was found guilty tonight on three of six specifications presented against him. The committee appointed to fix the punishment, recommended that Edwood be cautioned to be more careful in the future. The Presbytery accepted the recommendation and adjourned.

What woman likes about a joke is it

shows how clever she is to be able to make people believe she sees its point.

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